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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Casimiro, Donovan, Regunberg, and
Marszalkowski

Date Introduced: June 15, 2017

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2-1-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 2-1 entitled "Agricultural
2 Functions of Department of Environmental Management" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **2-1-10. Inspection powers.**

4 (a) For the purpose of conducting inspections, the director of environmental management
5 and the director of health, or any of his or her agents or deputies, have authority to enter, at any
6 reasonable time, any building, storehouse, warehouse, cold-storage plant, packing house,
7 stockyard, railroad yard, railroad car, or any other building or place where farm products are
8 produced, kept, stored, or offered for sale, or to enter upon any farm land for the purpose of
9 inspecting farm products.

10 (b) The director of the department of environmental management, through the division
11 agriculture, shall continue to enforce the commercial growers of fruits and vegetables voluntary
12 food safety program developed by the Food and Drug Administration and the United States
13 Department of Agriculture known as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), and shall enforce the
14 Food Safety Modernization Act as it pertains to commercial growers of fruits and vegetables.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would authorize the director of the department of environmental management to
2 enforce the federal Food Safety Modernization Act as it pertains to commercial growers of fruits
3 and vegetables.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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